

**Script for Defense Logistics Conference
Video taping
Wednesday, April 2, 2008
3 p.m., Governor's Press Room**

Video Intro:

Hello, I'm Haley Barbour, Governor of Mississippi, and I want to extend a warm welcome to our state. We're honored that you have chosen Mississippi to host the Senior Executive Partnership Roundtable.

The importance of your work in procurement cannot be overstated. Your efforts are a vital link in a supply chain that is key to maintaining American strength and security at the time of global instability. As home to more than 300 successful defense manufacturers, including global industry leaders, Mississippi understands and supports the U.S. procurement mission.

I look forward to greeting you all personally at the conference. In the meantime, please enjoy this brief introduction to the state of defense manufacturing in Mississippi. (:10)

Video Ending:

While many people know Mississippi as the birthplace of cultural icons like Elvis Presley, B. B. King and William Faulkner, other notable Mississippi natives include Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise and General Louis Wilson, Medal of Honor recipient and former commandant of U. S. Marine Corps. As you can see, our traditions of patriotic service run deep here in Mississippi, and we're very pleased for this opportunity to share them with you. I look forward to meeting you at the conference.

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